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SUBJECT: UNCTAD: JUTE: FIFTH PREPARATORY MEETING
JULY 24-28

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FOLLOWING ARE THE CONCLUSIONS REACHED BY THE SUBJECT MEET-
ING:

1. THE PREPARATORY MEETING NOTED WITH APPRECIATION THE RE-
PORT OF THE SECRETARIATS OF UNCTAD AND FAO IN DOCUMENT
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TD/B/IPC/JUTE/13, AND OF THE PROGRAMME OF WORK ON RESEARCH
AND DEVELOPMENT AND COST REDUCTION PROPOSED THEREIN. THE
MEETING REQUESTED THE SECRETARIATS OF UNCTAD AND FAO TO
PROCEED TO DRAW UP AN INITIAL PROGRAMME ON RESEARCH, DEVEL-
OPMENT, AND COST REDUCTION, TO ESTIMATE THE COSTS AND TO
PREPARE THE PROGRAMME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THE MEETING
EXPRESSED ITS CONFIDENCE THAT MEANS WOULD BE FOUND TO

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IMPLEMENT THE PROGRAMME.

2. THE MEETING REQUESTED THE UNCTAD SECRETARIAT WITH RESPECT TO COST REDUCTION IN INDUSTRY TO INVITE THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF UNIDO TO UNDERTAKE THE PREPARATION OF AN IMMEDIATE PROGRAMME OF PRIORITY PROJECTS, AND TO ESTIMATE THE COSTS.

3. THE MEETING REQUESTED THE SECRETARIAT OF THE ITC TO PROCEED TO FORMULATE SPECIFIC PROPOSALS ON GENERIC MARKET PROMOTION, AND TO ESTIMATE THE COSTS, IN A PROGRAMME AIMED INITIALLY AT SECURING AND EXPANDING TRADITIONAL MARKETS FOR TRADITIONAL JUTE GOODS; FOR INSTANCE THE FIRST THREE PROJECTS MIGHT INCLUDE SELECTED PRODUCTS, NOTABLY SECONDARY CARPET BACKING IN THE UNITED STATES, HESSIAN AND HESSIAN GOODS IN WESTERN EUROPE, AND WOOL-PACKS IN AUSTRALIA. THE MEETING EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT FUNDS FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE PROGRAMMES AND PROPOSALS WOULD BE FORTHCOMING FROM VOLUNTARY AND UNDP SOURCES.

4. THE MEETING EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE WORK REQUESTED IN PARAS 1, 2 AND 3 ABOVE WOULD BE COMPLETED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND AT THE LATEST BY FEBRUARY 1979. THE PROGRAMS SHOULD BE PREPARED FOR IMPLEMENTATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL WORKING GROUP, WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF AN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT,
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ARRANGEMENT OR ARRANGEMENTS ON JUTE AND JUTE PRODUCTS.

5. THE MEETING REQUESTED THE SECRETARIATS OF UNCTAD, FAO, UNIDO AND THE ITC, IN THE COURSE OF CARRYING OUT THIS WORK TO SEEK TO AVOID DUPLICATION OF TASKS.

6. THE MEETING EXPRESSED ITS WILLINGNESS TO CONTINUE CONSIDERATION OF THE QUESTION OF STABILIZATION OF PRICES AND SUPPLIES OF JUTE AND JUTE GOODS, INCLUDING THE IDEAS SET OUT IN DOCUMENTS TD/B/IPC/JUTE/11 AND TD/B/IPC/JUTE/12. THE MEETING INVITED GOVERNMENTS IN A POSITION TO CONTRIBUTE FRESH APPROACHES TO THE ISSUE OF STABILIZATION TO CIRCULATE THEIR IDEAS IN WRITING TO OTHER PARTICIPANTS THROUGH THE SECRETARIAT OF UNCTAD. THE MEETING REQUESTED THE SECRETARIAT OF UNCTAD TO GIVE FURTHER CONSIDERATION TO THE ISSUE OF STABILIZATION, INCLUDING VARIATIONS OR ELABORATION OF IDEAS ALREADY DISCUSSED, AND/OR NEW APPROACHES TO THE PROBLEM, AND TO CONSULT WITH GOVERNMENTS AT AN EARLY STAGE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF ANY NEW IDEAS.

7. THE MEETING INVITED GOVERNMENTS TO REFLECT FURTHER ON THE QUESTION OF THE APPROPRIATE INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR

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AN INTERNATIONAL JUTE AGREEMENT, ARRANGEMENT OR ARRANGE-
MENTS AND, IF THEY WISH, TO CIRCULATE THEIR IDEAS TO OTHER
PARTICIPANTS THROUGH THE SECRETARIAT BEFORE THE NEXT
MEETING.

8. THE MEETING REQUESTED THE AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR THE
INTEGRATED PROGRAMME FOR COMMODITIES TO SCHEDULE A FURTHER
PREPARATORY MEETING AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE IN 1979 AND IN
ANY CASE NOT LATER THAN MARCH, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE PRO-
GRESS MADE IN THE PREPARATORY WORK WHICH IS TO BE UNDER-
TAKEN. THE MEETING EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT IN THE SIXTH
PREPARATORY MEETING SUFFICIENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS WOULD BE REACHED TO FORM THE BASIS

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WHICH WOULD JUSTIFY THE CONVENING OF A NEGOTIATING
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